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Grace Before Easter Dinner

The Lord is risen!
Alleluia!
Let us give thanks
and be glad!

Our Father,
Father of all the children of God,
we offer you our thanks this day
for the gift of your Son.
In His rising
he has graced us with the power
of rising above ourselves,
of breaking our hearts made of stone,
of walking in the light
that forever brightens in faith
the fear of the shadow of death.

For since the empty tomb,
nothing matters except everything--
and everything is God's.
And this food
which we are about to receive
in the love of your risen Son
is your sign to us
that nothing passes away,
that nothing shall be lost,
but that all shall be changed
and touched with newness of life
in your Spirit.

Keep us ever in your love,
Father,
even as we join hands
around this table
in the new richness of life,
in the hope
that we, too, shall rise
into Christ,
in the faith
that your Word to us is life,
and will never be proven false.

For this food,
for all things,
for one another,
we thank you
in your risen Son.

Amen.

Just A Word ...

by Fr. Harvey

On behalf of the staff of our parish called to serve you, along with the many of you who actively share in that service and because of the faith which supports and encourages all of us to a new life and a new day, a very blessed Easter Day.

This Easter Sunday, we do not merely give assent to a past historical resurrection, nor do we only affirm our faith in the resurrection of the last day. What matters to us all and what is most important to each of us this Easter is that we are risen and that we are in eternal life. "And eternal life is this: to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent."

During this past Lenten season, we have been called to experience new death in many ways. For some, this dying took place at the baptismal font, for some in the confessional, for some, in their own homes and with their own family. As a community, the dying to the old took the form of our Lenten series "A Time for Seeking," and the loss of a Pastor. And yet we know that we have been called to die only that we may find new life. That's the glory of Easter. "We have passed out of death and into life," writes St. John, "and of this we can be sure, because we love our brothers."

It is the Easter faith of John that we are called to live more radically as a Christian people - a community called to know and to serve the Lord Jesus who announced to Martha long ago, "I am the resurrection. Do you believe this?"

Happy To Be At St. John's

Believe it or not, I do hail from a "middle-size small town" on Maine's rocky coast, called Brunswick. Because of the proximity to the Atlantic, and inexpensive prices, I was practically weaned on lobsters and cod. The fact easily explains, I think, my insatiable appetite for seafood, which, were it not for the exorbitant prices, I would easily indulge.

Maybe it's a coincidence, maybe an act of God, but the name of the parochial school where I learned my French and my English was St. John the Baptist, under the able supervision of the Ursaline Sisters. After high school, I attended Marist College in Framingham, Mass., followed by theological studies in Washington, D.C.

From the time I was ordained until now, I've been involved in secondary school education. My first assignment was to a public school in the "cold, wintry, boondocks" of Northern Maine not too far from the North Pole ... well, it sure felt like it! At that time, my major academic interests were European History and American Government. After four years at Van Buren District High School, and four years of seemingly endless winters, I was assigned to Notre Dame High School in Harper Woods, Michigan, a private all-boys' school owned and administered by the community to which I belong, the Society of Mary (Marist). Here, for three years, I was both teacher and coordinator of Social Studies.

Education-wise, I've received a Masters in Modern European History from Notre Dame University. And at the moment, I'm completing course work (August of '73) on a Masters in Southeast Asian Studies at the University of Michigan. Hopefully, with time, health, and disposition on my side, I will pursue a doctoral program in the same area of studies.

Although I have just arrived at St. John's ... I'm not yet unpacked ... I am very pleased with the warm welcome extended to me. As an "outside - slowly becoming - insider," I am greatly edified with the lively, prayerful, contemporary liturgies here at St. John's. The team-approach to pastoral ministry is an excellent guarantee of the survival of the Church in modern times. The "breath of fresh air," of which Pope John XXIII spoke about when he inaugurated Vatican II, is definitely visible and tangibly felt in your parish. This explains why it is so easy to be of service at St. John's.

Stay warm, inside.

Father Dominic Philippon

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April 9, 1973

Reverend David W. Harvey
Saint John the Baptist Parish
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Dear Father Harvey:

I wish to express my deep appreciation to you and the members of your staff who prepared the young people of your parish for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

To see these families bring their children to God, to rededicate them to the Holy Spirit, is evidence of their great faith and, at the same time, the inspiring leadership that you priests and your catechists give to them.

Please express my deep appreciation to everyone and I assure you of my prayers for your continuing efforts.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
(signature)
James S. Sullivan
Auxiliary Bishop of Lansing

We are expressly grateful to Mr. and Mrs. William Davis for their remembrance to our parish on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary. The Jubilarians purchased a set of altar vase stands for the church in memory of their anniversary. The stands were used for the first time on Holy Thursday at the Altar of Repose. Thank you, Rose and Bill, for your thoughtful generosity.

Fr. Harvey

PRE-MARRIAGE SEMINAR

The next pre-marriage seminar will be May 4, 5, 11 and 12 -- Fridays from 7:00 to 10:30 PM and Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. A less intense seminar will be held June 3 and 10 -- Sundays -- from 1:00 to 5:00 PM. Call for information at Holy Trinity Chapel, 482-1400.

KINDERGARTEN PREPARATION

The Ypsilanti Public School Registration and Screening for kindergarten children who will be 5 years old by December 1, 1973 will be held at United Methodist Church, May 21 - June 1st. Call 483-6290 for more information.

REMEMBER THIS DATE: MAY 7, 1973 – 8:00 p.m. CENTER LIBRARY

There will be a meeting for all parents of children pre-school age through high school whose children are currently enrolled or who will be enrolled in a religion class at St. John's next fall.

If you have any questions or comments, if you desire some revision or changes in the present program, this is the appropriate time to make your ideas known.

Tentative schedules for next year's program will be announced in June, hence the importance of "speaking your piece" now.

MAY FELLOWSHIP DAY

Church Women United of Ypsilanti will celebrate May Fellowship Day with a luncheon on Friday, May 4, at 12:30 PM, in the First United Methodist Church, 209 Washtenaw.

Tickets are $2.00 and may be obtained from Mrs. Philip Stokes (483-3961). All reservations must be made by Tuesday, May 1st. A nursery will be provided and the entire program will be over by 3:00 PM.

This year's theme, "As Hand Touches Hand," will be emphasized by the guest speaker, Mrs. Betty Boston, who is the immediate past president of the Inter-Faith Coalition of Congregations.

A special offering will be made to aid in building a Peace Center in Saigon, where tired and hopeless women might find spiritual renewal and courage to face the practical necessities of daily living. This will be the home of Sister To Thi Ank, who in 1972 traveled 17 states to prepare church women for acts of reconciliation among people of a different culture.

WILL YOU HELP BUILD THIS HOUSE OF PEACE AND PLAN TO ATTEND THE LUNCHEON?

PARENTS OF FIRST COMMUNICANTS

Interested parents of this year's First Communicants are invited to plan the liturgy for their children's Solemn Communion which will be held on May 12 at 10:30 AM. This planning involves working on a theme for the liturgy, selecting songs, writing commentaries, and deciding on elements which will make the liturgy a true celebration. The planning session will be on Sunday, April 29, at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center Library.

PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, April 22 - EASTER SUNDAY
EASTER VACATION FOR THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMS THIS WEEK.
9:00 and 11:00 AM - Babysitting Services, Rm. 9, Parish Center
9:00 and 11:00 AM - Coffee & Doughnuts after Mass, Parish Hall

MONDAY, April 23
4:30 PM - Girls' Junior Troop 364 meets in Parish Center Lunchroom
7:00 PM - Boy Scouts meet in Parish Hall

TUESDAY, April 24
1:00 to 3:00 PM - Project Transition meets in Parish Center Lunchroom

THURSDAY, April 26
8:00 PM - Administration Commission meets at Parish Rectory

Jesus is God spelling himself out in language that man can understand.

R. D. Gordon

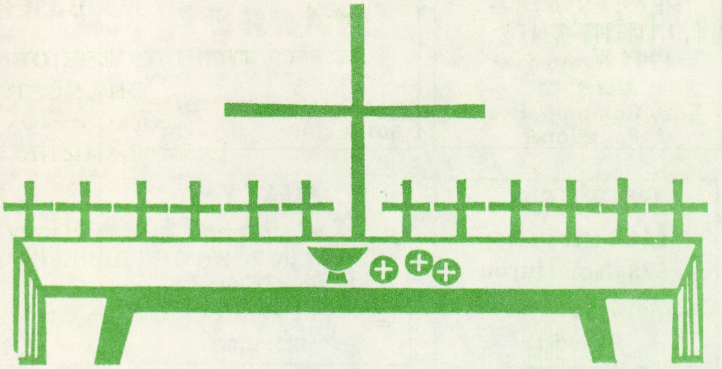
PRE-SCHOOLERS PERFORM

"This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine," sang out the pre-school religion classes at their open house on Sunday.

Everyone present at the program delighted in the work and presentations. Special thanks go to Beth Adams, Mary Calvert, Nina Bourdeau, Sally Lounsberry, Madeline Groshans, Joy Dessiellier, Sr. Sheila, Sr. Theresa, Kim Gillman and Becky Adams who prepared the children.

If you'd like to "join forces" with us next fall as a teacher or team teacher, why not let us know now. Call Sr. Anne at 483-6378.

alleluia
CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY



– SCHEDULES –
MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, April 23, 1973 - Easter Octave
7:00 a.m. - Agnes Sullivan, req. by John & Nora Patterson
2:30 p.m. - Matthew & Ann Sinkule, req. by Joseph & Catherine Sesi (Parkview Nursing Home)
TUESDAY, April 24, 1973 - Easter Octave
7:00 a.m. - The deceased of the Joseph Hutting Family, req. by Mrs. George Max
WEDNESDAY, April 25, 1973 - Easter Octave
7:00 a.m. - Dr. Alexander P. Dukay, Mrs. Madeline Dukay & Laura Marie Dukay, req. by Lucille Nied
8:30 a.m. - Leopold Gondek, req. by Joan Buzo
THURSDAY, April 26, 1973 - Easter Octave
7:00 a.m. - Joseph Pinczewski, req. by Robert & Emily Mentley
FRIDAY, April 27, 1973 - Easter Octave
7:00 a.m. - Francis J. LaCombe, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Adolph LaFave & Family
7:00 p.m. - Wedding Mass: Victor Lawrence & Loraine Novotny
SATURDAY, April 28, 1973 - Easter Octave
9:00 a.m. - NO MASS
2:00 p.m. - Wedding Mass: Duane Noworyta & Patricia Barlage
5:00 p.m. - Hilton G. Falahee, req. by The Family
6:15 p.m. - Wedding Mass: Dennis Orlis & Debbie Kirchoff
SUNDAY, April 29, 1973
7:00 a.m. - Charles F. Theeck, req. by Miss Leona Fulton
9:00 a.m. - Nick & Amelia Butman, req. by Gene Butman
11:00 a.m. - Mrs. Clem Grabowski, First Anniversary, req. by The John Motto Family
12:30 p.m. - Intention of the Celebrant

BABYSITTING SCHEDULE
April 29, 1973

9:00 a.m. - Karol & Kay Kuhl
11:00 a.m. - Anna Gefre & Carol Carpenter

WEDDING BANNS

I Pat Busch & Cathy Fromm
II Ralph Donovan & Gayle Stinson
III Norman Richard Shures & Therese Marie Bracco
III Victor Lawrence & Loraine Novotny
III Duane Noworyta & Patricia Barlage
III Dennis Orlis & Debbie Kirchoff

COMMENTATOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, April 28, 1973
5:00 p.m. . . . . Ted Birdsall
SUNDAY, April 29, 1973
7:00 a.m. . . . . Dave Wheeler
9:00 a.m. . . . . John White
11:00 a.m. . . . . Don Racine
12:30 p.m. . . . . High School Student

LECTOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, April 28, 1973
5:00 p.m. . . . . James Baker
SUNDAY, April 29, 1973
7:00 a.m. . . . . Norman Hallman
9:00 a.m. . . . . Chris White
11:00 a.m. . . . . Frank Wawrzaszek
12:30 p.m. . . . . High School Student

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SATURDAY, April 28, 1973
5:00 p.m. . . . . Dick Kuhl
SUNDAY, April 29, 1973
9:00 a.m. . . . . Gerard Wideman
11:00 a.m. . . . . Dick Wagner
12:30 p.m. . . . . Sr. Sheila

ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE
Week of April 22, 1973

WEEKDAY MASSES - 7:00 AM
TEAM I - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
TEAM II - Thursday, Friday
You will be advised of Weekday Teams by phone.

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SATURDAY, April 27, 1973
5:00 p.m. - Bill Wagner & Danny Gefre
SUNDAY, April 28, 1973
7:00 a.m. - Mike & Frank Williams
9:00 a.m. - Kevin & Mark Courtois
11:00 a.m. - John & Jim Price
12:30 p.m. - Ron & Jim Eberts
WEDDINGS & FUNERALS:
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SATURDAY EVENING — 5:00 p.m.
SUNDAY: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
HOLYDAY LITURGY
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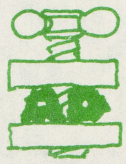
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